

# Just for Fun Squares

Columbus, Ohio



**April 2024**

## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MARY GALENTINE

Dear Club Members,

I hope this finds you wishing for Spring because I think we have had enough cold weather.

I want to thank our club member, Jim Corder, for creating the best-looking flyers for our club's Yellow Rock Dance and now for our New Year's Eve Dance. Jim, we cannot thank you enough for your help! .

It is time to elect officers once again. All of our current board members are willing to serve again next year, but we can also accept nominations from the floor for all officer positions, so please let us know who you want to nominate for office. Please be sure the person has agreed to be nominated before you give or send us their name. We will vote for the slate of officers at a very brief JFFS member meeting during the April Showers dance on April 5.

At our March 22nd dance, we honored and thanked Linda Bishop for her years of service to our club as she is retiring from cueing. At the same time, we wished Jason Raleigh a Happy Birthday.

Our next dance on April 5, 2024, will be moving down the street two doors to the First Baptist Church of Gahanna, 520 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, because our normal location needs the fellowship hall for a church activity. We will need some help setting up the room and ask if you can come about 6:30 PM to help. It would really be appreciated. Our theme is April Showers and if you have any fancy umbrellas, bring those along to help with decorations, and don't forget to bring some refreshments for the food table.

On April 14, 2024, a Student Celebration Dance will be held to honor all the new dancers. All the callers who teach classes will be calling. Council will be serving cake and other goodies. In addition, a recycle clothing sale will be held, offering some brand-new items including shirts, blouses, skirts, petticoats, pettipants, and dance shoes. The clothing sale proceeds go to help fund the 2028 Ohio Dance Convention.

On April 27, 2024, we will be hosting a joint dance with Grove City that we purchased at a Relay for Life Dance. Callers are Tom Davis, Jason Raleigh, and Pam Courts if she feels better after surgery. Elaine Wintrow along with Gene Eckley will be cueing. The dance will be held at Grove City's

dance hall at the Evans Senior Center (4330 Dudley Ave), with experienced dancers paying \$10 at the door for a two-hall dance, and new dancers paying \$5. Early rounds and advance start at 7:00 PM and plus with rounds start at 7:30 PM. All club members of both clubs are asked to bring refreshments, and we could use your help at 6:00 PM to help set-up both dance halls. We hope to see you there!

TWO VERY IMPORTANT DATES COMING--**Thursday, May 2, 2024**, we will be driving to the Taylor's home to pick up our recycle clothes and drive them to the church to set up a clothing sale for our Friday night dance. **Then on Friday, May 3, 2024**, at our regular dance, we will have the clothing sale. Pam Courts is to be calling, while Dave Blaskis will be cueing. Marcia Taylor has washed and mended so many newly received garments, you won't want to miss this sale. You can also shop on Thursday night after we set up the sale and be there to get first choice. Please come help your club.

See you in a square soon,  
Mary

### CURRENT CELEBRATIONS

Wish these dancers a Happy Birthday when you see them in a square:

April 10	Blanche Geisman	April 13	Dave Van Dyk
April 11	Sue Martin	April 29	Nancy Brown

And these a Happy Anniversary!

April 6	Dave & Cheryl Van Dyk		
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### CLUB SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 4	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, April 5	JFFS "April Showers" Dance (Hi-Lo), 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) <b>LOCATION CHANGE:</b> First Baptist Church of Gahanna, 520 Havens Corners Road Gahanna (2 doors down from Gahanna Community Congregational Church). Caller: Kristy Woods, Cuer: Mark Johnson.
Thursday, April 11	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Monday, April 15	JFFS Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m., Donatos at 377 Granville St. in Gahanna. Meet at 6:30 to join us for supper. Club members are welcome to participate.
Thursday, April 18	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Thursday, April 25	JFFS class, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna, Mark Johnson instructing.
Friday, April 26	JFFS "Pretzel Day" Dance (Plus), 8:00 – 10:30 p.m. (Early Rounds at 7:30 p.m.) Back at: Gahanna Community Congregational Church, 470 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Caller: Howard Williamson (Rowdy Howdy), Cuer: Stuart Lewis.

### SUNSHINE REPORT

Sam Merullo, long-time member of Bucks & Does and Just for Fun Squares, passed away on March 2. Dancer David Hissrich has been in the hospital for about 2 weeks, but may come home this week; he is on the list for a liver transplant, and is waiting for a match. Caller Bob Daye has esophageal cancer and will be undergoing chemotherapy.

If you know of anyone in our dance community who is ill or has passed away and/or needs our

thoughts and prayers, please inform Mike Idle at 614-578-3664 or lambfarmer@embarqmail.com so she can send them a card on behalf of our club.

**BANNER STEALS AND RETRIEVES**

April 7, 2024	Friendly Ties – Pickerington Senior Center, 150 Hereford Dr, Pickerington, OH. Wes Fenton and Dave Blaskis. 7 – 9:30 PM
May 17, 2024	LBJ – Eagles Lodge #376, 127 E William St, Delaware, OH. Homer Magnet and Linda Warren 7:30 – 10 PM
Hope to you in a square soon!	

**UPCOMING JUST FOR FUN SQUARES CLUB DANCES**

Apr 5, 2024	April Showers Hi/Lo	Kristy (Williams) Woods/Mark Johnson
Apr 26, 2024	Pretzel Day	Howard Williamson/Stuart Lewis
May 3, 2024	Tortilla Chip (Cinco de Mayo)	Pam Courts/Dave Blaskis
May 24, 2024	Anniversary/Red, White & Blue	Tom Davis/Chuck Berry
Jun 7, 2024	Ice Cream Social	Wes Fenton/Mark Johnson
Jun 28, 2024	No Dance/National Convention	
Jul 5, 2024	Red, White, Blue/Tools for Schools	Jason Raleigh/Chuck Berry
Jul 26, 2024	Root Beer Floats/Tools for Schools	Travis Cook/Carol Pabst
Aug 2, 2024	Chocolate Chip Cookie Day	Dave Stuthard//Linda Warren
Aug 23, 2024	Hawaiian Luau	Chuck Woods/Chuck Berry

**TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- Apr 5 – LOCATION CHANGE for our JFFS dance: First Baptist Church of Gahanna, 520 Havens Corners Rd, Gahanna. (Two doors down from the Gahanna Community Congregational Church).
- Apr 14 – COCDC Student Celebration Dance (2 to 5 pm) with Clothing Sale (1:30 to 4 pm). Location: Columbia Heights U M Church, 775 Galloway Rd, Galloway, OH 43119. Callers: Dave Stuthard, Danny Beck, Jason Raleigh, Gary Kincade, Brian Fellows, and Mark Johnson. Cuer: Chuck Berry.
- Apr 27 – Combination Dance jointly sponsored by JFFS and Grove City Western Squares. 7:00-10:30 PM. Callers: Jason Raleigh/Tom Davis/Pam Courts. Cuers: Elaine Wintrow/Gene Eckley. E.L. Evans Senior Center, 4330 Dudley Ave, Grove City, OH 43123. Cost: \$10.00/Person. Students \$5.00.
- May 5 – JFFS Clothing Sale at our JFFS Tortilla Chip (Cinco de Mayo) Dance.
- May 9 – Ohio Convention Trail End Dance, Crown Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, OH 43229, 7:30 - 10:00 PM.
- May 10 & 11 – Ohio’s State Square and Round Dance Convention, Crown Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Ave, Columbus, OH 43229. 2024.ohiodanceconvention.com

**GAH175**

The City of Gahanna will be celebrating 175 years this year. To help celebrate this milestone there has been a committee put together to plan a festive year. There will be something going on most months. For example, Clean-up Day at Founders Park, Herb Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, and a big weekend in August with multiple activities.

As the organizers were doing their research, they found square dancing to be a big part of life in the early days. They then researched square dancing and found Just For Fun Squares dancing in Gahanna. They visited one of our dances and were pleased to see it as an activity still going on. They would like to have us do a demo in August, on which I am currently working.

Since we are a part of the Gahanna community, I believe we can enhance our presence in the community by helping with some of the events. Currently, I am collaborating with the Lions Club for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and a demo in August. Keep watching this newsletter for additional information.

Paulette Henry

### ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Our **Just for Fun Squares Annual Meeting** will be a very brief meeting held sometime during the April Showers dance **on Friday, April 5**. (Remember – this dance will be held at the First Baptist Church, two doors down from our usual dance location). The primary purpose of this meeting will be the **Election of Club Officers** for the May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025 Membership Year. As prescribed in our club By-Laws, the current board has identified a slate of officers who are willing to serve on the Board:

**President: Mary Galentine**

**Past President: Velma Doyle**

**Vice Presidents: Ned and Marquell Segelken**

**Secretary: Mary Bailey**

**Treasurer: Dennis Budinski**

**Council Representatives: Mary Galentine & Dave Van Dyk**

**Banner Chair: Paulette Henry**

Additional nominations of qualified officer candidates may be made from the floor prior to the election, with the consent of the persons so nominated. **If you cannot attend our dance on April 5, and want to vote, you can submit your vote via email by midnight, Thursday, April 4. Send your vote to Velma at [velmadoyle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:velmadoyle@sbcglobal.net).**

### HAVING FUN WITH JUST FOR FUN SQUARES!

We had two fun dances in March. The dance floor was a swirl of green when we celebrated **St. Patrick's Day** at our Hi-Lo dance on March 1 – there were green shirts, skirts, hats, and dresses, even a pair of green shoes, as well as a few glimpses of orange. Tom Davis did a great job calling for 4 squares and Carol Pabst kept 7 to 10 round dance couples happy with her smooth cueing. Tom was fighting a bug and trying not to lose his voice altogether, so everyone was happy that Ed Pabst joined him at the mike to help out with some singing calls.

Thanks to everyone who brought such tasty green foods to share at our refreshment table – we had everything from green grapes, apples, and melon to Watergate salad, celery sticks, and guacamole, as well as brownies, cupcakes, chips and fixings. Phyllis Burdette and Janet Bell didn't exactly find the gold at the end of the rainbow, but Phyllis won Split the Pot and Janet won the card game.

We celebrated **Signs of Spring** with flowers and butterflies at our dance on March 22. Jason Raleigh kept three squares entertained with some new singing calls, and 8 couples enjoyed Linda Bishop's final cueing appearance in Columbus. We had tasty offerings at the refreshment table, including a cake decorated with Spring flowers that wished a **Happy Retirement** to Linda and a **Happy Birthday** to Jason.

April is upon us now, and **Just for Fun Squares** has more fun in store for dancers at all levels. **April 5** is the night of our **April Showers** dance with Kristy Williams Woods calling and Mark Johnson cueing. The Gahanna church is busy that night, so this Hi-Lo dance will take place 2 doors down at the First Baptist Church. JFFS members will vote for our 2023-24 slate of officers during a break in the dancing that evening; all our current officers have agreed to serve again next year. Bring your most colorful or quirky umbrella to brighten the room for this fun **April Showers** dance.

As April winds down, we will celebrate **Pretzel Day** on **April 26**. Are you a fan of hard pretzels, soft pretzels, or both? Do you like them plain or dipped in cheese, mustard, or something else? If you have a favorite pretzel accompaniment, bring some to share at the refreshment table. We will be dancing to the incomparable Howard 'Rowdy' Williamson, so you know he'll keep us hopping, and Stuart Lewis will be our cuer.

JFFS is offering one more dance in April – in partnership with Grove City Western Squares we are hosting a **Combination Dance** on **Saturday, April 27**. Touted as the **April Showers Bring May Flowers Two Hall Dance**, we will welcome Tom Davis, Pam Courts, and Jason Raleigh as callers and Elaine Wintrow and Gene Eckley as cuers. This dance will take place at the Evans Senior Center, 4330 Dudley Avenue in Grove City. The Combination Dance offers something for everyone – Advance, Plus, and Rounds, and a bountiful refreshment table. We hope you'll join us for some **FUN** with **Just for Fun Squares** at our April dances!

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